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URBAN DISTRICT OF ILFRACOMBE

ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1970

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Health Department,
Council Offices,
ILFRACOMBE.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Ilfracombe Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Avant and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Urban District.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

E. WILLIAMS,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Public Health Staff

Part Time Officer

Medical Officer of Health

E. Williams M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Whole Time Officers
Senior Public Health Inspector, Cleansing Superintendent,
Housing Officer, Petroleum Inspector.
D.G.Andrews, Cert. S.I.B., A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,

Clerk: R. Prideaux.

STATISTICS

General Statistics.

Area (Land and Inland Water)	5,627 acres
Population :-	
Mid 1970 Estimate	8170
Rateable Value	£393,514
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,472
Bright Sunshine during 1970	1,514.8 hrs
Rainfall during 1970	46.39 ins

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Births: Area Comparability Factor	1.28
Deaths " " "	0.63

Vital Statistics

Live Births -	
Number	127
Rate per 1000 population	15.5
Rate per 1000 population, adjusted by Comp. Factor	19.8
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of Total Live Births	12%
Stillbirths -	
Number	1.0
Rate per 1000 Total Live and Still Births	8
Total Live and Still Births	128
Infant Deaths, (deaths under 1 year)	1
Infant Mortality Rates -	
Total Infant Deaths per 1000 Total Live Births	8
Legit " " " " " " "	9
Illegit " " " " " " "	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 Total Live Births)	8
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1000 Total Live Births)	8
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths, and Deaths under week combined, per 1000 Total Live and Still Births)	16

Maternal Mortality (including Abortion)	
Number of Deaths	Nil
Rate per 1000 Total Live and Still Births	Nil
Deaths	164
Death Rate per 1000 population	20.1
" " " " " adjusted by Comp. Factor	12.7

Population, Births and Deaths Table for the Urban District since 1931

Year	Population	Live Births	Deaths
1931	9,175 Census		
1951	9,228 Census		
1959	8,650	113	130
1960	8,620	105	139
1961	8,701 Census	117	155
1962	8,510	102	145
1963	8,420	120	157
1964	8,200	129	143
1965	8,280	136	152
1966	8,230	140	143
1967	8,240	113	157
1968	8,210	115	154
1969	8,230	110	164
1970	8,170	127	164

LIVE BIRTHS	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	67	45	112
Illegitimate	8	7	15
	75	52	127

Deaths	Males	Females	Total
	64	100	164

BIRTH RATE (adjusted) AND DEATH RATE

1960	13.9	11.6
1961	15.3	12.8
1962	13.6	12.4
1963	18.1	12.6
1964	20.1	11.6
1965	19.5	11.5
1966	21.7	11.54
1967	17.4	12.8
1968	17.9	12.6
1969	17.2	12.9
1970	19.8	12.7
	England & Wales	England & Wales
	16.0	11.7

Table showing the certified Causes of Death in the District during 1970

Registrar General's Figures

	Male	Female
Malignant Neoplasm - Buccal Cavity Etc.,	1	-
" " - Intestine	1	6
" " - Lung, Bronchus	1	2
" " - Breast	1	1
" " - Uterus	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	4	4
Diabetes Mellitus	-	2
Anaemias	-	1
Multiple Sclerosis	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	-
Hypertensive Disease	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	20	28
Other forms of Heart Disease	2	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	7	25
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	4
Influenza	3	3
Pneumonia	8	6
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.,	1	-
Symptons and ill Defined Conditions	1	1
All other Accidents	5	3
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	1	1
	64	100

Cancer Deaths

Buccal Cavity	1	-
Lung and Bronchus	1	2
Breast	1	1
Uterus	-	2
Others	4	4
Intestine	1	6

Total Number of Cancer Deaths and percentage of Cancer Deaths to total Deat

Year	Total Deaths	Cancer Deaths	% of Cancer Deaths to Total Deat
1961	155	22	15.0
1962	145	33	22.0
1963	157	27	17.0
1964	143	33	23.0
1965	152	25	16.0
1966	143	28	19.0
1967	157	25	15.9
1968	154	34	22.0
1969	164	30	18.0
1970	164	23	14.0

Infant Mortality Rate

During the year 1 infant died under the age of 1 year

	Males	Females
Legitimate	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-

There were no deaths due to childbirth during the year.

Cancer of Lungs and Bronchus

Year	Male	Female	Total
1961	4	1	5
1962	4	1	5
1963	3	1	4
1964	10	1	11
1965	7	2	9
1966	10	-	10
1967	11	-	11
1968	4	3	7
1969	4	-	4
1970	1	2	3

Infectious Diseases

Ninty - Eight infectious disease cases were notified during the year

Measles	98
Infective Hepatitis	-
Pul. Tuberculosis	-
Non Pul Tuberculosis	-

There were no instances of food poisoning reported.

Incidence of Lung Tuberculosis

	Notification	Death
1961	2	1
1962	3	-
1963	4	1
1964	1	1
1965	-	-
1966	5	-
1967	-	1
1968	2	-
1969	1	-
1970	-	-

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47

No elderly persons were removed cumpulsorily from their homes to County Welfare Centres during the year.

Meals on Wheels

This service, run by the W.R.V.S., commenced in 1963 by serving 15 meals to persor in need of the service twice weekly, during 1969 this was increased to 40 meals per session.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospitals

The hospital services for Ilfracombe and the surrounding areas are administer by the South West Regional Hospital Board through the North Devon Hospital Management Committee.

The hospital situated in the town is the Ilfracombe and District Tyrrell Hospital which has 32 beds.

With the opening of the new maternity unit at Barnstaple, all maternity cases needing hospital delivery are now admitted to Barnstaple.

Isolation of Infectious Diseases

The Kingsley Hospital at Bideford is available for infectious diseases other than small pox.

Small Pox

Liskeard Small Pox Hospital is the one to which any cases of small pox will be sent. Special ambulance transport can be obtained through Plymouth Ambulance Service. Tel. No: Plymouth 64101.

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter.

Ambulance Services.

Two ambulances, under the control of the County Health Authority are statione at Ilfracombe and operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Orthopaedic Clinic

Held at Boutport Street, Barnstaple, the first Friday in each month at 11 - 00 a.m. by appointment.

Chest Clinic

At the North Devon Infirmary Annexe, Barnstaple. Sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 - 00a.m. to 1 - 00 p.m. and 2 - 00 p.m. to 4 - 30 p.m. for clinic and X-Ray examinations, and on Fridays from 9 - 00 a.m. to 1 - 00 p.m.

Venereal Disease Clinic

This is held at the North Devon Infirmary Annexe.

Females:	Mondays 4 - 00 p.m.	Thursdays 4 - 30 p.m.
Males:	Mondays 5 - 15 p.m.	Thursdays 5 - 45 p.m.

G.P. Clinic

Devon County Council Health Centre which was opened during 1967.

The following sessions are held at the G.P. Clinic:-

Child Welfare Centre	Thursdays, 2 - 00 to 4 - 30 p.m.
Ante Natal Clinic	2nd & 4th Mondays 2 - 30 to 4 - 30 p.m.
School Clinic	Daily 9 - 00 to 9 - 15 a.m. during term.
Consultation School Clinic	1st & 3rd Thursdays 9 - 30 a.m. to 12 noon.
Dental Clinic	Fridays, 9 - 30 to 11 - 30 a.m.

By Appointment Only

Opthalmic Clinic	3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon odd months, January etc.,
Speech Therapy	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, p.m.
Chiropody Clinic	1st, 2nd & 5th Wednesdays, a.m.
Hearing Assessment Clinic	2nd Tuesdays, 10 a.m - 12 noon.
Cytology Clinic	1st Wednesday each month, a.m.
Family Planning	1st & 2nd Wednesdays, a.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the Ilfracombe Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Avant and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my fifth Annual Report relating to the work of my Department for the year ending 31st. December 1970.

Work was commenced during the latter part of the year on the construction of 10 bungalows and 24 flats for elderly persons, 12 one-bedroomed flats for general need housing and a 2 bedroomed Wardens house at Burrow House Site, Highfield Road - 47 units in all.

These dwellings should be ready for letting by July or August 1971 and it is hoped that by transferring elderly persons who already occupy Local Authority two and three bedroomed units and who have made application for transfer, into some of these new units, to rehouse several families with young children and in urgent need, into the larger houses, thus made available.

There was a sharp rise in applications for elderly persons accommodation when construction of the new units was commenced and by the end of the year applications were up by 58% on the figure at the end of 1969.

By the end of the year there were :-
146 applicants for one - bedroomed units for elderly persons.
24 applicants for one - bedroomed units for general need.
81 applicants for two - bedroomed accommodation.
32 applicants for three - bedroomed accommodation.
4 applicants for four - bedroomed accommodation.

No new public conveniences were erected during the year, but when the new Pavilion Wings are constructed, early in 1971, there will be additional small male and female conveniences incorporated in the West Wing.

With the advent of decimal currency in February 1971, the Council resolved that all coin - operated locks be removed from the fourteen sets of conveniences in the district. Paper hand-towels and soap dispensers continued to be provided during the year.

It is hoped that increase in vandalism will not occur with the provision of free access to toilets.

Few problems were experienced with labour during the year on the refuse collecti service.

Employees did not take strike action when this became a national problem during the latter part of the year and the Council expressed it's appreciation to the men concerned.

The sale of polythene refuse sacks to hoteliers etc., (at cost price plus a 5% administration charge) has done much to improve the refuse collection service. Large accumulations of unhygienic dustbins are avoided, collection of refuse in sacks being much quicker and cleaner.

Some 13,000 sacks were sold during the year.

During the year 38 premises were inspected under the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act. Food premises are inspected under the Food Hygiene Regulations, at the same time, if Registered under the Act. I find, however, that I have insufficient time available to carry out as many inspections as I would wish.

An effort was made to inspect as many hotel and boarding house kitchens as possible during the summer season, but again time is not available to inspect anywhere near the total number in the town.

To assist, the Medical Officer of Health continued to carry out inspections at hotels and reported to me those where conditions were found to be unsatisfactory.

Generally however the standard of food hygiene is satisfactory.

Inspections of all premises on the Council's slum - clearance programme were completed during the year and some of these have been modernised with the aid of Improvement Grants.

I spent a considerable amount of time during the year in carrying out Inspections of premises where means of escape from fire have been reported to me by the Fire Authority as being unsatisfactory, under the provisions of Sec: 60 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Joint inspections have subsequently been made by a representative of the Fire Authority and myself and agreement reached with the owners of the premises concerned to carry out the necessary works, based on the Fire Authority's recommendations.

During the year 2215 visits and 491 interviews granted in relation to the work of the Department.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Council, Council Officers and my Clerk Mr. Prideaux for their support and assistance during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Avant and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D. G. ANDREWS, Cert. S.I.B., A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE, 1970

Public Health	Visits	Revisits
General	138	52
Infectious Diseases	4	-
Rooms disinfected	3	-
Refuse (including bins)	259	39
Refuse Trade	4	-
Litter	2	-
Accumulation	13	6
Camping and Caravans	11	-
Drains	48	40
Drains tested	4	4
Sewers and Sewage disposal	2	2
Insect Pests	5	3
Refuse Tip	311	-
Rodent Control	2	2
Public Conveniences	44	5
Pet Shops	2	2
Depot	106	-
Means of escape (Section 60)	29	20
Disease of Animals	-	-
Animal Boarding Establishments	1	1
Civic Amenities Act	16	12
Housing		
General	299	136
Overcrowding	1	3
Grants	14	10
Applications	138	19

Petroleum Act	Visits	Revisits
	10	5
Inspections	10	9
Offices Shops & Railway Premises Act	12	6
Factories (with power)	4	4
(without power)	1	-
(sites etc.,)	-	-
Food & Drugs Regulations	34	24
Ice Cream	3	3
Milk & Dairies	1	1
Meat & Foods	5	-
Interviews Etc.,	398	-

REGISTERED COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no houses registered in the district

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Refuse	246
Drains, sewers and closets	9
Food and Drugs	5
Housing matters	4
Holiday Accommodation	4
Streams	1
Smoke	1
Rats and Mice	79
Animals, Birds and Insects	8
Smell	2
Fouling of footpaths by dogs	3
Water	1
Public Conveniences	3
Noise	2
Miscellaneous	3
Mud on Highway	4
	375

SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS RECORDED

Work done during 1970 as a result of action taken:-

	Informal Notice	Statutory Notice
Drains cleared	20	-
Drains repaired	5	-
Rain water pipe repaired	2	-
Roofs repaired	5	-
Dustbins provided	6	-
Gutters repaired	2	-
Accumulations removed	10	-

During the year 224 informal notices and 1 statutory notice were served.

	Informal	Statutory
Public Health	161	1
Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act	20	-
Food and Drugs	14	-
Civic Amenities Act	6	-
Factories Act	1	-
Housing Acts	19	-
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act	3	-
Petroleum Acts	2	-
	224	1

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	13	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	43	14	4	-
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers premises)	4	-	-	-
Total	60	14	4	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which Defects were Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M Inspector	Number of defects in which Prosecutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to homework)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Nature of work	Number of outworkers in August	Number of cases of Default in sending lists	Number of prosecuations for failure to send lists	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Section 110 Notices served	Section 111 Prose - cutions
Wearing Apparel Making etc.,	1	-	-	-	-	-
Plastics	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shoe Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	-	-

Clean Air Act

No complaints of smoke nuisance were received during the year.

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) By the Local Authority	-
(b) By private enterprise	105

Housing Statistics

1. Inspection of Dwelling - houses during the year	
(a) Total number of dwelling - houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	90
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	214
(c) Number of notices served to remedy defects	10
2. Houses Demolished	-
3. Unfit Houses closed as a result of Action under the Housing Acts	2
4. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied	
After informal action	9
After formal action under	
(a) Public Health Acts (1) by Owners	1
(2) by L. A. in default	-
(b) Housing Acts	1

Housing

Mrs. Braund, the Warden of the Old People's Flats at Wilder Park continued to perform her duties in an efficient manner.

The happy atmosphere prevailing is largely due to her willingness to help the old people under her care in many ways outside the terms of her employment.

The construction of the 47 one - bedroomed units of accommodation for elderly persons, general need and Warden commenced late in the year. Ten bungalows and twelve flats for old persons and the Wardens two - bedroomed house should be completed by August/October 1971.

It is anticipated that the west part of the scheme consisting of twelve ground floor flats for elderly people and twelve first floor flats for general need will be ready for occupation in May 1972.

No houses were demolished during the year.

Re-housing

During the year 22 Council Houses were let as a result of tenancy changes, and 9 tenants exchanged occupation of Council owned properties.

Overcrowding and Certificates of Disrepair.

No case of overcrowding was reported during the year. No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

There are 3 sites licenced under the provisions of the aboce Act, and one site is operated by the Caravan Club.

Tenting

Four sites are used for tenting (including one under the control of the Camping Club of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). Sanitary accommodation and water supply is available.

35 visits were paid to sites during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply is controlled by the North Devon Water Board. 84 bacteriological samples were taken during the year by the Board and all proved satisfactory.

The following information has been supplied by the Board.

The water supply has been entirely satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Bacteriological samples are taken weekly and duplicate examination results are sent to the Council. These samples are taken from consumer's taps at various points in the town. Samples for bacteriological analyses are not normally taken of raw wate as this is known to vary from day to day according to rainfall.

The water supplied from Hore Down is slightly plumbo solvent at the source, althou this is corrected by treatment at Friendship before the water is put into the supply.

No action has been necessary with regard to contamination.

The number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains is 3565.

Natural Fluoride content of water .02 part per million.

Swimming Baths.

The Council operate large covered sea water swimming baths, and there are also four private swimming baths attached to Hotels and Chalet Sites. The water is filtered and chlorinated.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

No premises are used as slaughterhouses in the district.

The number of food and other shops in this area are:-

Cafes	55
Canteens	9
Bakehouses	5
Grocers and Dairies	39
Greengrocers	11
Butchers	11
Fishmongers	3
Fish & Chip Shops	3
Confectioners, Tobacconists & Newsagents	25
Public Houses and Licenced Premises	24
Ladies and Gents Outfitters	24
Boot and Shoe Shops	5
Multiple Stores	4
Jewellers and opticians	5
Chemist and Toilet	5
Fancy Goods, Toys and Photography	28
Hairdressers	8
Furniture Shops	1
Ironmongers, Decorators and Cycles	11
Electrical Goods	4
Pet Shops and Seed Merchants	2
Garages and Petroleum	16
Betting Shops	4
Florist	1

Unsound Food surrendered as unfit for human consumption:-

19 cwts 41 lbs

Unsound food is disposed of by burying at the Council Refuse Tip.

In most cases the food condemned originated from deep freeze cabinets which had broken down.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Table A. Registrations and General Inspections.

Class of Premises	Number of prems. regd during year	Total number of redg. premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	-	37	9
Retail Shops	-	89	16
Wholesale Shops, Wharehouses	-	2	-
Catering Establishments Canteens open to the public	-	37	13
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	-
Total	-	166	38

Table B. Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises 79

Table C. Persons employed in registered premises by workplace

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed M	F	Total
Offices	82	87	169
Retail Shops	129	251	380
Wholesale Depts., Wharehouses	5	-	5
Catering establishments open to the public	111	202	313
Canteens	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
	327	540	867

Table D. Exemptions. NIL

Table E. Exemptions. NIL

Table F. Inspectors

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act One

Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act None.

MILK SUPPLY

The County Council's Licence permits pasteuring at the Local Dairies under the Food and Drugs Act.

Ice Cream. No samples were taken during 1970.

There is 1 premises registered for the manufacture, 60 premises licenced for the sale and 1 for the storage of ice cream.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960. 109 visits were made in connection with the Regulations.

FOOD & DRUGS SAMPLING

Devon County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority for this area. All complaints relating to unsound food are passed to the County Council for any action that Authority consider necessary.

RODENT AND PEST CONTROL

Rodent Control. This service is carried out on a part - time basis by one of the Council's employees. Warfarin poison is used in all cases. During the year no major infestations of rats or mice were reported.

158 first inspections were made during the year and 518 re-visits.

Pest Control. Advice is given on the best method to exterminate wasps, the Rodent Operator dealing with nests on pleasure grounds and rights of way. Advice is also given on the elimination of cockroaches from hotel kitchens, many of which are under Contract with Pest Control Firms.

REFUSE

Vehicles. The Council has three vehicles in use, one being laid up during winter - time. The vehicles are :-

(1) Shelvoke & Drewry T.N type continous loader (April 1966)
(2) Dennis Paxit IIA (May 1968)
(3) Ford Transit chassis with purpose - made body (July 1969).

One old S. & D fore & aft tipper is kept at the depot as reserve.

During the winter - time, it was found necessary to use both large vehicles for collections, instead of the Dennis Paxit and small Ford vehicle, as in previous winters. An additional loader was employed on the larger vehicle. This action was necessitated owing to the increased number of houses which had been erected during the last few years.

A considerable sum was spent on repairs and maintainance of vehicles. Increased labour costs and the fact that one vehicle is now almost five years old are the main reasons for this, added to which greater expense is involved on the tyre side due to necessary Government legislation laying down statutory limits on depth of tyre tread etc.,

Collection Service. Household refuse is collected weekly in the District. All Hotels and Boarding houses receive two collections during the summer - time.

Additional collections are made on payment of 10/- per bin per additional collection for the summer season and trade refuse is collected weekly, charges varying according to the quantity involved - the minimum charge being £1.11.6. for up to three bins.

The sale of polythene sacks by the Council increased by almost 100% during the year - some 13,000 being sold.

To encourage the use of sacks, two sacks are counted as the equivalent of one bin for the purposes of payment for additional summer collections.

Refuse Disposal. The refuse tip at Killacleave continued to be used by the District Council for controlled tipping, but is fast filling up.

A site at Francis Plantation - about 1½ miles from the present tip - was considered by the Council during the year as an alternative disposal area.

The Council eventually abandoned this site and I was instructed to look into the question of refuse incineration, as this was considered to be a more satisfactory form of disposal.

I discussed this and other matters relating to refuse disposal at the Department of the Environment, and reported back to the Council, when it became obvious that to construct an acceptible incineration plant for Ilfracombe alone would be financially impossible. This Meeting was also attended by the C.P.H.I's to Barnstaple Borough Council and Barnstaple Rural District Council.

Upon receipt of my report, the Council resolved that further consideration of this matter be deferred pending the receipt of the new Memorandum on Refuse Disposal - which should be published in April 1971.

It is also possible that the Barnstaple Rural District Council's tip at Berry Down - about 5 miles from Ilfracombe - may be made available for this Council's use, but the Council also resolved to await receipt of the above - mentioned Memorandum before proceeding with this matter.

The new B100 International loader purchased January 1970 - gave excellent service during the year. It's greater power and robustness - compared with the old B85 model - are great assets and it generally operates at only half - throttle, which is sure to extend engine life.

The amount of refuse deposited during the year is estimated at 5019 tons. In addition 1721 loads of soil etc., were brought to the tip.

The Civic Amenities tip is a mixed blessing. It certainly directs refuse to it's appointed place, but clearing up after free and unsupervised tipping at week - ends is often a major operation for the loader driver.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1961

One shop was licenced under the above act.

List of Public Conveniences in the Urban District:-

Situation	Accommodation			
	Females	Males		
Hele	2 W.C.s	2 W.C.s	3	Urinal Stalls
Brimlands	2 W.C.s	2 W.C.s	3	" "
Shear Close	3 W.C.s	3 W.C.s	4	" "
St. James Park	1 W.C.	1 W.C.	2	" "
Pier	7 W.C.s	4 W.C.s	7	" "
Cheyne	2 W.C.s	2 W.C.s	3	" "
Pavilion	14 W.C.s	6 W.C.s	8	" "
Market Square	8 W.C.s	3 W.C.s	9	" "
Northfield Road	3 W.C.s	3 W.C.s	5	" "
Church Street	4 W.C.s	3 W.C.s	6	" "
Bicclescombe Park	2 W.C.s	2 W.C.s	3	" "
The Cove	3 W.C.s	2 W.C.s	3	" "
Lee	4 W.C.s	2 W.C.s	3	" "
Oxford Park	3 W.C.s	2 W.C.s	3	" "

Conveniences at the Pier continued to be cleaned by the Harbour staff and Bicclescombe Park toilets by the Parks Department Staff.

All other toilets are cleaned frequently every day during the summer - time, but it was decided to dispense with Sunday cleaning of toilets in the winter of 1970/71. No adverse reports have been received as a result of this action.

The new Pavilion Wings were under construction during the winter of 1970/71. New small ladies and gents toilets will be provided in the west wing.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 AND 1936

During the year 21 renewal licences permitting the storage of petroleum spirit and mixtures were issued.

The quantity of petroleum spirit involved was 69,505 gallons.

Licence fees received by the Local Authority amounted to £85. 0. 0.

19 inspections were carried out during the year, and 16 tanks were the subject of satisfactory 'ullage tests' during the year.